

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

On page 1, please amend the paragraph after the Title of the Invention and before “Technical Field,” as follows:

This application is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application No. 10/189,181, filed on July 5, 2002, which [[This]] is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/914,814, filed October 22, 2001, the entire disclosures of which [[is]] are incorporated herein by reference.

Please replace the Abstract of the Invention with the Replacement Abstract that appears separately on the following page, as required by 37 CFR 1.72.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 2, line 12, and ending on page 2, line 21, as follows:

However, the time management method differs among types of operating systems. If a plurality of operating systems are running in one computer and each of those operating systems has its own managed time, which is different from others, then trace log information items collected by those operating systems and merged in order of their generated times may not be as they are generated actually. If a plurality of operating systems are running in a computer, therefore, the interruption processing method and the processing timing will also differ among those operating systems. And accordingly, the times managed by those operating systems do not agree to each another. Consequently, event trace log information items collected by those operating systems cannot be merged in order of times at which they are generated through an arithmetic operation performed by an operator or a computer as disclosed in the above conventional technology. This is because the times of managed by those operating systems are different from each another.